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VERMONTERS ‘BETTER GET MOO-VING’: ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO REGISTER FOR IRENE ASSISTANCE

BURLINGTON, Vt. – It’s not an over-the-top advertisement for a clearance sale at the local car dealer or furniture store: This offer really is good for only one more week.

Vermonters who experienced damage or losses as the result of Tropical Storm Irene have until **Tuesday, November 15** to register for assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and to apply for low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

FEMA, the State of Vermont, and the SBA remind homeowners, renters, businesses and non-profit organizations in Vermont that they have only seven days left to apply for aid for damage caused by the heavy rains and flooding that occurred between August 27 and September 2.

“FEMA extended this deadline by two weeks, and anyone who hasn’t registered ‘Better get moo-ving,’” said FEMA’s Federal Coordinating Officer James N. Russo. “Yes, it’s a silly pun. But we’re serious about one thing: We want to make sure Vermonters get all the help that they’re eligible for.”

To view or download the accompanying photo, click [here](#).

Anyone affected by Tropical Storm Irene with questions or who still has not registered may do so by calling toll-free **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or going online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Registering online saves time and allows you to track the status of your application online.

Registration is also available via web-enabled mobile device at **m.fema.gov**. Multilingual assistance is available if needed. Individuals with a speech disability or hearing loss who use a TTY can call 800-462-7585 directly; or 800-621-3362 if using 711 or Video Relay Service.

Tuesday **November 15** is also the deadline to complete and return an SBA low-interest disaster loan application if you have already received one. No one is obligated to take a loan, but completing the application is a necessary first step toward possibly receiving additional FEMA grants.

“It’s not too late, but it will be very soon,” said Vermont Emergency Management Director Mike O’Neil. “No matter how much damage or loss you experienced, you should register and let the folks at FEMA determine if you’re eligible. Don’t miss your last chance.”

While FEMA has closed its disaster recovery centers, the SBA will continue to operate three assistance centers where not only businesses but also homeowners can get face-to-face help reviewing their cases and filling out applications. The following SBA centers are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and are located at:

Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation
72 Cotton Mill Hill – 2nd Floor
Brattleboro VT 05301

Springfield Development Corporation
14 Clinton Street
Springfield VT 05156

The following center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

Town of Hartford Building
171 Bridge Street
White River Junction VT 05001

These centers will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday weekend from November 11 to November 13.

FEMA and SBA have teamed with Vermont NeighborWorks® Organizations to offer more help filling out SBA disaster loan applications. These are located at:

VERMONT NEIGHBORWORKS® HOME OWNERSHIP CENTERS

Champlain Housing Trust
88 King Street
Burlington, VT 05401
Tel.: 802-862-6244
Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Champlain Housing Trust
Franklin/Grand Isle
13 Lake Street
St. Albans, VT 05478
Tel.: 802-527-2361
Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Gilman Housing Trust
48 Elm Street
Lyndonville, VT 05851
Tel.: 802-535-3555
Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Windham and Windsor Housing Trust
68 Birge Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301
Tel.: 802-254-4604
Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Fri., 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Windham and Windsor Housing Trust—Satellite Office
90 Main Street
Springfield, VT 050156
Tel.: 802-885-3220
Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Fri., 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Central Vermont Community Land Trust
107 North Main Street
Barre, VT 05641
Tel.: 802-476-4493
Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont
110 Marble St.
West Rutland, VT 05777
Tel. 802-438-2303
Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Rutland County Housing Coalition
46 Evelyn St., #201
Rutland, VT 05701
802-775-9286
Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Fri., 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585; or call 800-621-3362 if using 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS).

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA either through the U.S. Mail, online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>, or to their local Disaster Recovery Center to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

SBA disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people with speech or hearing disabilities) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET; Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov or completed on-line at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

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